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The Appeal Brief filed on 16 August 2007 is defective for failure to comply with one or more provisions of 37 CFR 41.37.

To avoid dismissal of the appeal, applicant must file an amended brief or other appropriate correction (see MPEP 1205.03) within **ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS** from the mailing date of this Notification, whichever is longer.

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1. ☐ The brief does not contain the items required under 37 CFR 41.37(c), or the items are not under the proper heading or in the proper order.
2. ☒ The brief does not contain a statement of the status of all claims, (e.g., rejected, allowed, withdrawn, objected to, canceled), or does not identify the appealed claims (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(iii)).
3. ☐ At least one amendment has been filed subsequent to the final rejection, and the brief does not contain a statement of the status of each such amendment (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(iv)).
4. ☐ (a) The brief does not contain a concise explanation of the subject matter defined in each of the independent claims involved in the appeal, referring to the specification by page and line number and to the drawings, if any, by reference characters; and/or (b) the brief fails to: (1) identify, for each independent claim involved in the appeal and for each dependent claim argued separately, every means plus function and step plus function under 35 U.S.C. 112, sixth paragraph, and/or (2) set forth the structure, material, or acts described in the specification as corresponding to each claimed function with reference to the specification by page and line number, and to the drawings, if any, by reference characters (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(v)).
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regarding above section 2, the STATUS OF CLAIMS (on page 4 of the brief) fails to set forth the status of claims 18-24 and 27, which were previously cancelled. In addition, the appellants state "claims 1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 25, 26, and 28 stand on their own. Claims 2-3, 6, 9, 10, 11, and 29 stand or fall on their base claim." This statement is unclear, as none of the dependent claims that allegedly "stand on their own" or "stand or fall on their base claim" are argued separately in the brief. Furthermore, there are inconsistencies with this statement. For example, if claim 2 stands or falls on its base claim, then how could claim 4 (which is dependent from claim 2) stand on its own? If the appellants intend to argue these dependent claims separately, then further arguments are required to individually address the dependent claims.

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